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I am writing to express my support for the draft Cleanup and Abatement Order issued on January 23, 2009 by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board to the El Dorado County Department of Transportation. Rubicon Trail.

The Board must act to stop increased erosion, soil compaction, and damage to plants and animals along the Rubicon Trail.

I support the Regional Board's long over-due effort to prevent this situation from worsening even further.

Please close the Rubicon Trail until such time as a full environmental review can be conducted .

Efforts by volunteers to pick up their own trash are well-intentioned; however, these efforts cannot solve the problems caused by inappropriate use of the Trail.

Self-policing and volunteer efforts have proven largely ineffective in preventing environmental damage and illegal behavior.

I commend the Regional Board and staff for your excellent assessment of the impacts on the Rubicon from off-road vehicle use and initiating the process needed to stop this damage from continuing.

Finally, I ask that the draft Cleanup and Abatement Order be formally adopted.

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